- Constitution of the National Inspection & Monitoring Committee (NIMC) for undertaking field visits periodically across the country.
- Constitution of the National Support & Monitoring Cell (NSMC) for effective implementation of the Act.
- The reports of NIMC and NSMC are forwarded to the concerned State/UT Governments with the request to take appropriate remedial action for plugging any shortcomings, including initiation of penal proceedings against the violators pointed out in the reports, since implementation of the Act rests with the State/UT Governments.
- Provisions have also been made for sensitising the Judiciary and the public prosecutors.
- Publication of Annual Reports, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs),
- On-Line Complaint registration facility on the Ministry's Website.
- Dedicated website for PC & PNDT Activities, *i.e.* 'pndt.gov.in', for online filing of 'Form F' by clinics and such retrieval of such data at District, State and National level.
- Organising sensitisation workshops/ seminars, launching of 'Save the Girl Child' campaign, seeking cooperation from the NGOs/religious leaders, etc..
- Further, under the National Rural Health Mission, Auxiliary Nursing Midwife (ANM) and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) are being sensitised on the issue. Also, funds have been provided to all States/UTs under the Rural Child Health programme for implementation of the Act and related activities.
- The Government is open to further strengthen the PC & PNDT Act, 1994 and the Rules framed thereunder to make them more stringent.

Purchase of AK-47 Rifles

*89. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to buy three thousand AK-47 rifles;

(b) whether these would be given to Railway Protection Force or a special force would be formed; and

(c) the areas in which these are proposed to be deployed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAY : (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In view of the heightened activities of militancy and insurgency in the North East region, Jammu & Kashmir and other left wing extremism affected areas, Ministry of Railways have decided to procure 3000 more AK-47 Rifles. These Rifles will be provided to Railway Protection Force and Railway Protection Special Force as and when received through Ministry of Home Affairs who have initiated the process of procurement through global tender. These AK-47 Rifles will be provided to RPF/RPSF deployed in vulnerable, sensitive and extremist prone areas over Indian Railway.